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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy (in French) of a French Search Report conducted in French Application No. 03 02994, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the Examiner cited the following documents:

(1) DE 197 47 342. This document is cited as an "A" category document (i.e., a document of technological background). Col. 2, line 40 to col. 3, line 38 and Figs. 1-4 are indicated by the French Examiner as being relevant to claim 1 of the French Application; and

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(2) DE 42 27 078. This document is cited as an “A” category document. Col. 3, lines 43-37 and Figs. 1, 5 and 7 are indicated by the French Examiner as being relevant to claim 1 of the French Application;

(3) US 6,030,235 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of DE 197 47 342.

Applicant also submits herewith copies of the documents cited in document US 6,030,235:

(4) US 5,269,696;

(5) US 5,484,297;

(6) US 5,562,465;

(7) US 5,609,494;

(8) US 5,676,556;

(9) US 5,823,809;

(10) EP 532 366;

(11) JP 6243930;

(12) JP 8 213102;

(13) Patent Abstract of Japan, vol. 096, No. 012, Dec. 26, 1996 (for JP 8 213102 [item 12] above);

(14) Patent Abstract of Japan, vol. 018, No. 626 (E-1636), Nov. 29, 1994 (for JP

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6243930 [item 11] above); and

(15) FR 96 14806.

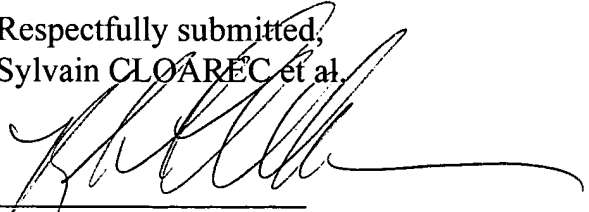
Copies of the above-listed documents including the French Search Report are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

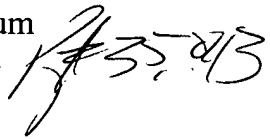
Applicants note that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the instant application and/or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1) and (3).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary for the consideration of this preliminary amendment to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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1	Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 018, No. 626 (E-1636), Nov. 29, 1994 (for JP 6-243930).
2	Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 096, No. 012, Dec. 26, 1996 (for JP 8-213102).

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